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Anderson Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Joel Scott Lyon (DOB: 2/21/1964) of Anderson, S.C., on 15 charges connected to sexual exploitation of minors. Investigators with the Attorney General's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest. The Anderson County Sheriff's Office, also a member of the ICAC Task Force, assisted with the arrest.

Investigators state that Lyon was involved in distributing child pornography via a file sharing network.

Lyon was arrested on Nov. 16, 2016. He is charged with five counts Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Second Degree (§16-15-405) a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment; and 10 counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Third Degree (§16-15-410), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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